IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

DANIEL RALLS,

Petitioner,

Case No. 3:08-cv-160-KRG-KAP

GERALD L. ROZUM, SUPERINTENDENT,:

S.C.I. SOMERSET, :

Respondent

MEMORANDUM ORDER

This matter was referred to Magistrate Judge Keith A. Pesto for proceedings in accordance with the Magistrates Act, 28 U.S.C.§ 636(b)(1), and subsections 3 and 4 of Local Rule 72.1 for Magistrate Judges.

The Magistrate Judge filed a Report and Recommendation on July 24, docket no. 2, recommending that the petitioner's petition for a writ of habeas corpus be summarily denied and that a certificate of appealability be denied.

The petitioner was notified that pursuant to 28 U.S.C.§ 636(b)(1), he had ten days to serve and file written objections to the Report and Recommendation. Petitioner filed timely objections, docket no. 4, which are meritless.

After <u>de novo</u> review of the record of this matter together with the Report and Recommendation, and the timely objections thereto, the following order is entered:

AND NOW, this $\frac{7th}{}$ day of August 2008, it is

ORDERED that the petitioner's petition for a writ of habeas corpus is denied. A certificate of appealability is denied. The Report and Recommendation is adopted as the opinion of the Court. The Clerk shall mark this matter closed.

BY THE COURT:

KIM R. GIBSON,

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Notice by U.S. Mail to:

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